

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington D.C.

MEETING WITH THE UNITED TRIBES OF BRISTOL BAY

DATE: Monday December, 16 2013

LOCATION: Alm Conference Room

MEETING TIME: 11:30 AM

I. PURPOSE

The United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) was formed in August 2013, bringing together four of the original nine Tribes that petitioned EPA for action under CWA 404(c). Since that time, it has expanded to represent ten Bristol Bay Tribes. These Tribes have consistently supported the EPA Bristol Bay Assessment and have pushed for restrictions on large-scale mining. They are represented by the Native American Rights Fund (Heather Kendall) and by Rob Rosenfeld, a consultant from Homer, Alaska. Robert Heyano, the President of UTBB, represents the Ekuk Village Council. He is a commercial fisherman and President of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association.

It is expected that UTBB will press you for details on EPA's finalization of the Bristol Bay Assessment and encourage expediting its release. They will also stress their desire for EPA to initiate a regulatory action (as soon as the Assessment is released) to protect the Bristol Bay, particularly its fishery resources, from the adverse impacts of large-scale mining.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Please provide a bulleted list of all key participants, including EPA staff as follows:

Attendees

UTBB Board of Directors

Ekuk- Robert Heyano, UTBB President & Ekuk President

Togiak- Anna May Ferguson, UTBB Treasurer & Elected Leader

Curyung - Thomas Tilden, UTBB Secretary & Curyung Chief

Nondalton- Ricky Delkittie, Sr., UTBB Board Member & Tribal Rep.

Levelock - Gregory Andrew, Jr., Levelock President

New Stuyahok- Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok President

Manokotak - Irene Gamechuk-Oles, Manokotak President

Twin Hills - Julius Henry, Twin Hills Elected Leader

Clarks - Betty L. Gardiner, Clarks Point President

UTBB Staff- Alannah Anna Hurley, Directors

UTTB Staff- Gary Fredrick Cline, Community Outreach

NARF- Heather Ruth Kendall, Senior Staff Attorney

NARF- Matthew Newman, Staff Attorney

NARF- Robert Alan Rosenfeld, Consultant

Staff

- **YOU**
- Dennis McLerran, Region 10 Administrator
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III. AGENDA

Please provide a bulleted meeting agenda, highlighting the Administrator's/Deputy Administrator's role. The Administrator's/Deputy Administrator's role is typically highlighted by capitalizing and bolding references to her/him, as follows:

- **YOU** will start the meeting by welcoming the participants and offering very brief introductory comments.

IV. PRESS

The meeting will not be open to the press.

V. TALKING POINTS

- I appreciate the opportunity to meet with the United Tribes and hear your concerns.
- Our goal has been to finalize the assessment in 2013 and we are working diligently to produce a final report. We do not yet have a final release date but expect it to be sometime early-mid January.
- EPA has consistently stated that we would make no decision on responding to the Tribe's petitions until after the assessment is finalized. The agency has made no decision on a regulatory action.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

UTBB email and resolution 8-6-13
UTBB letter to McCarthy 10-28-13